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REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Vezey's Comment

Clarence Vezey, Berkeley Painters 40, noted what was said in this column about the plans for running San Francisco Labor, the recently launched publication of the S. F. Labor Council.

The column we ran concluded with this paragraph:

"Do you think it's better to have your labor paper look like a newspaper or a magazine? Or don't you care one whoop either way?"

Brother Vezey tells us he does care several whoops about this. He says he wants East Bay Labor Journal to continue to look like a newspaper, not a magazine.

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Special Notices

Vezey insists that a labor paper should look newsy, and not only look that way, but have lots of news about labor and allied activities in it.

He especially insists that a labor paper which is really a newspaper does a valuable service by displaying prominently on the first page the special notices to unions which we run.

Such notices, Vezey feels, are of great use in the operation of union affairs.

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Yes, They Read It!

Vezey was asked whether he thought his members read East Bay Labor Journal.

He emphatically believes that they do.

"If they don't get the paper, they call me up and kick about it," he said. "You can't ask better proof than that."

Well, we won't argue with him about that. It is comforting to think that reader-owners do read their own paper!

TB Christmas Seal Sale In 45th Annual Crusade

Health Association Release

The Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association's 45th annual Christmas Seal Sale is now in its third week. Much has been accomplished in the past by the purchase of Christmas Seals, but much remains to be done for tuberculosis has not yet been conquered—for even now in the United States alone 50,000 lives a year are taken by the tubercle bacillus.

"The earlier the disease is diagnosed the better chance there is of a permanent recovery and the spread of the disease lessened," said Mr. Richard R. Stewart, Alameda County Seal Sale chairman.

"The mobile minature chest X-ray trucks, paid for and operated by the sale of Christmas Seals, have taken 54,491 miniature chest X-rays so far this year.

"The Christmas Seals you buy this year will be used to finance the association's 1952 anti-tuberculosis program," concluded Mr. Stewart.

Four Steamfitters Die in One Week

Tragedy struck hard this week at Steamfitters Local 342 with the deaths of four union members reported within a period of five days.

John Purkey was first to die Friday following a lengthy illness. On Monday S. J. Orla was found dead, a victim of a heart attack.

The two other unionists, Rex Mitchell and Tom Gourley, were drowned Saturday when their boat overturned in a raging storm while they were duck hunting in San Pablo Bay.

Mitchell, Gourley and a companion, Leonard Martin, clung to their overturned craft, but Mitchell and Gourley lost their grips and sank beneath the stormy waters.

Martin was rescued four hours later by the Coast Guard.

Manuel "Sonny" Cabral, another Steamfitter, tried to go to the rescue of the trio but his own craft was swamped and he was forced to swim ashore.

Oakland Park Department Moves to New Location

The Oakland Park Department has moved from the City Hall to its new headquarters at 634 14th Street, it was announced this week by J. Vendes Mann, president of the park board.

The new offices, formerly occupied by the Oakland Public Library annex, were redesigned and decorated by personnel of the Park Department.

Park Department offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Ken Kaylor Appointed B. A. for Culinary 31

Ken Kaylor, prominent and likeable member of Bartenders 52, has been appointed as business representative of Culinary Workers Alliance 31.

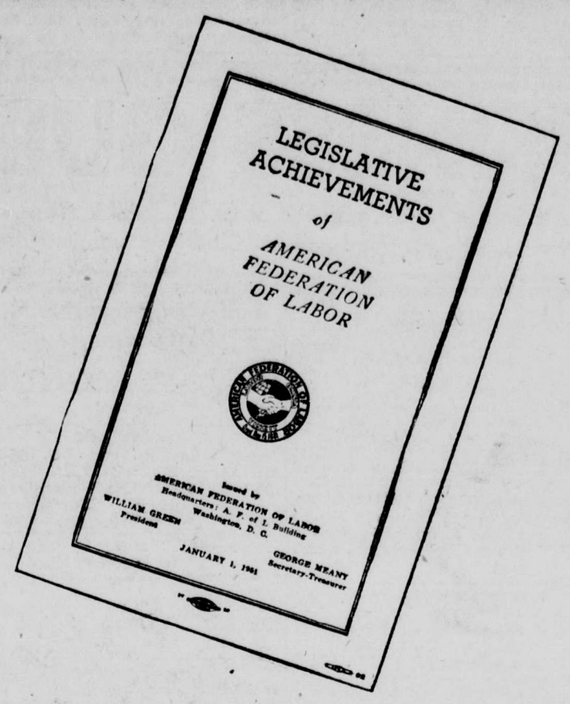
Announcement of the appointment was made by Al Cutler, International trustee of Local 31.

Buy Union Label Christmas Cards At Labor Press!

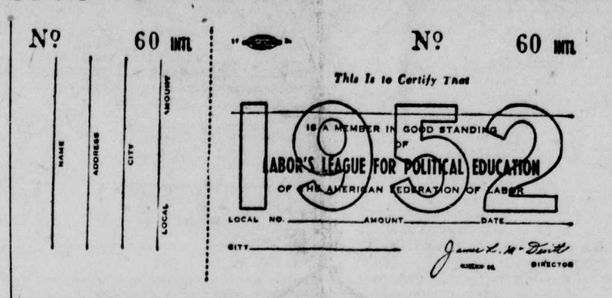
Labor people are urged to buy their union label Christmas cards at the Journal Press, 1236 Second Avenue, part of East Bay Labor Journal's establishment.

Come and pick out your cards now. They are ready for your inspection. Telephone TW. 3-1833.

Here Is How Your Dollar Can Serve to Protect Your Interests



LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS PAMPHLET.—Washington. Under this cover are 39 pages listing "measures of interest to labor enacted" and "hostile legislative defeated" in 23 Congresses from the 59th to the 81st through efforts, whole or in part, of the AFL and its legislative committee headed by W. C. Hushing. The AFL 70th Convention urged the widest possible use of the pamphlet to help in organizing. Copies may be obtained from Mr. Hushing, 901 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington.



EVERY AFL MEMBER SHOULD HAVE ONE OF THESE,—Washington.—This is a membership card in Labor's League for Political Education issued to every AFL member who contributes at least $1 to the national political fund to elect a liberal Congress in 1952. They can be obtained from the secretary of your local union under the planned system of distribution.

HELP THE LEAGUE HELP YOU!

Do you know the legislative achievements of the American Federation of Labor?

Those achievements were made under great difficulties, with many AFL people giving very little support to their own interests.

There's one good substantial way to give such support to the AFL. That is to look at the picture which shows how you contribute a little to Labor's League for Political Education, political branch of the AFL.

The other picture on this page is a reproduction of the cover of the booklet which tells of the AFL legislative achievements.

This coming year of 1952—and it's right around the corner!—every labor man and woman should do all that is possible to help defeat the enemies of labor and elect the friends of labor.

Maybe a dollar isn't a million dollars, but it's a lot more than some of our labor people have contributed in the past.

Wake up! Pungle up!

Cooks' 288 Play Santa Claus to Alameda Boys' Club

Good things are not always confined to little packages. Just ask the underprivileged youths in the Alameda Boys Club.

For last week the boys received two bulky Christmas presents that all but popped their eyes out with happy surprise. The gifts were a real piano and a regular sized pool table.

H. J. "Hub" Badger, secretary of cooks' Local 288, presented the much-needed gifts to the Boys Club on behalf of his union.

Ed Clancy, Newspaper Drivers 96 and a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys Club, was enthused at the sincere efforts of Cooks 288 to bring so much Christmas cheer into the hearts of several American boys.

"The gifts are right up the alley for the kids," said Clancy. "Now we can get to work on organizing music classes for the boys."

Clancy offered a standing invitation to all union members to come to Alameda and see how the lads in the Boys Club are doing.

He also extended a special invitation to all interested craftsmen with a couple of hours to spare a week, to come over and spend their talents for the benefit of the boys.

Those interested can find the Alameda Boys Club at the old Alameda Armory, located back of Washington Park on the Beach.

The club is open all day, every day and can be reached by phone by calling LAkehurst 3-9826.

Fleck Named Labor Aide To Regional Wage Board

State Federation News Service

William Emil Fleck, former executive secretary of Local 85, Sacramento Baker's Union, has been named executive assistant to AFL members of the Regional Wage Stabilization Board.

His appointment was announced by Wendell J. Phillips, of Local 484 of the Bakery Wagon Drivers and Salesmen and Roy M. Brewer of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, the two AFL members, and A. C. McGraw, of the AFL International Association of Machinists, an alternate member.

At the same time, they revealed that Fleck was at work in his office in Room 1220, of the Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco. His telephone number is YUkon 2-5800.

Fleck will serve as a top level, confidential adviser to the AFL members and to officials and representatives of AFL unions in California, Arizona and Nevada. He will also render counsel and information to these officials and representatives.

More Steel for Schools

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Enough steel for a start on 500 new school projects in 1952 has been allotted by the Defense Production Administration, up from the original figure for 300 now planned. To the original allotment of 96,000 tons, 15,000 has been added.

The extra steel, said Manly Fleischmann, DPA chief, will also permit continued construction of 1400 school projects now under way.

Steamfitters 342 Election Notice!

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Election of all general Officers of Steamfitters' Local Union No. 342 will be held on Sunday, December 9, 1951.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Financial Secretary,
Business Manager.

ALAMEIDA DIES

The heavens wept Monday morning as Anthony G. Alameida, president of the Central Labor Council, was laid to rest at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Alameida died of a sudden heart attack early last Friday in his 61st year.

More than a hundred of Mr. Alameida's friends and admirers sloshed through a veritable cloudburst to pay their final respects to the soft-spoken, veteran labor leader.

Among the local labor dignitaries who acted as pallbearers for Mr. Alameida's remains were CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, Assistant CLC Secretary William P. Fee, Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers Local 2; John Quinn, Bartenders 52; John Ferro, Printing Specialties 382, and Pat Sanders, Cooks' 288.

Mr. Alameida had been a beacon light in the local AFL labor movement ever since 1936, when he organized and was elected president of the Cleaning and Dye House Workers Local 23.

After the union was chartered by the AFL in 1937 he became the union's business representative, a post he retained until his untimely death.

In addition, Mr. Alameida held the presidency of the California State Council of International Cleaners and Dyers.

Before being elected president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council in 1947, he had served on the council's executive committee and had been the council's first vice-president since 1942.

Mr. Alameida combined within his person the attributes of honesty, dignity, pleasant manners and a considerable amount of executive and parliamentary abilities. He was acclaimed by all he met as a true gentleman.

His passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of his friends and relations.

Mr. Alameida, a native Californian, spent most of his life in the Oakland area where he lived with his family at 3906 14th Avenue.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary M. Alameida; a daughter, Dorothy; two sons, Roy and Robert; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Crommie and Mrs. James George, and three granddaughters.

Movie On Parliamentary Procedure To Be Shown at the YMCA Tonight

Editor, Labor Journal:

Just a few weeks ago the Journal ran an article on the beginning of a class in Parliamentary Procedure, in keeping with the times for the furtherance of educational programs.

Now we have been requested to inform our readers that as a finale to this successful eight weeks course there will be a movie on Parliamentary Procedure from the University of California, shown on tonight (Friday).

The organizers of this program, Don McFetridge, and Jack Matheis of Steamfitters Local 342, wish to express their thanks at this time to the Journal for its assistance, and to its subscribers for their enthusiastic attendance which has made it possible for them to form another eight week course starting in January 1952.

Again let us offer an invitation to you to be present at the movie tonight at the Oakland Y. M. C. A., located at 23rd Street and Telegraph Avenue.

There is no admission charge. Further information can be obtained from Jack Matheis, LAkehurst 3-2390, Alameda.

Milk Drivers 302 Holds Successful Dinner-Dance

Friends and members of Milk Drivers 302 showed up 1100 strong to attend the union's Fifth Annual Dinner-Dance at the Hotel Leamington on November 29.

Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of Local 302, declared the affair was a "big success." He said the union had to take over the entire recreation area of the hotel in order to find room for the exceptionally large turnout.

The merry makers danced to the lilting rhythms of Harry Mason and his orchestra.

Members of the Union Dance Committee who arranged the affair are George Carlson, Troy Cloinger, Bob Genesini, O. D. Lash and Ed Rocha.

Ralph Schappert Shows Improvement at Merritt

Ralph Schappert, Plumbers 444, is getting along well at Merritt Hospital considering the fact that he suffered serious injuries from a fall off a scaffold in San Francisco two weeks ago.

Doctors have diagnosed Schappert's injuries as a broken back and several fractured ribs.

Schappert is a delegate to the Alameda County Building Trades Council.

Anna L. Bray, Wife of Journal Pressman, Dies

Mrs. Anna L. Bray of Oakland passed away Tuesday at the age of 51. Mrs. Bray was the wife of Russell H. Bray, printing pressman employed by East Bay Labor Journal

University Plans Huge $73 Million Building Program

A financial shot-in-the-arm appears in prospect for the local construction industry if a multi-million dollar building program proposed by the University of California is approved by state officials.

The university is requesting a budget of $73,609,700 for a five-year building program for its nine campuses.

If the request is granted by the State Department of Finance and passed by the legislature, several millions of dollars will be spent in the East Bay Area starting next July 1.

University officials are seeking a $25,412,000 appropriation for the first year—$6,399,000 of this amount to be spent on the Berkeley campus alone.

Other local institutions slated for appropriations are the California School for the Blind and the California School for the Deaf, both of Berkeley.

Long range construction plans for the university calls for an overall cash outlay of $207,249,700 to be spent over an indefinite number of years.

Council Cancels Meet in Honor Of A. Alameida

Delegates to the Central Labor Council convened at their regular meeting Monday evening, but immediately voted to adjourn out of respect to the memory of their recently deceased president, Anthony G. Alameida.

Before adjourning, the delegates stood in silent prayer for their departed brother.

Clerks 1265 Reelect Breault and Kidder

Last week we carried a story stating that all officers of the Department and Specialty Store Employes 1265 had been reelected to their several posts.

However, in listing the officers, we failed to mention the names of the union's two business representatives. We take this opportunity to mention them now.

The business representatives are Daniel Breault and Alvin Kidder.

Postal Council Honors Miller

STATE BTC CONVENTION DUE IN BAKERSFIELD JANUARY 19

Delegates to the local Building Trades Council Tuesday were advised by letter that the California State BTC will hold a two-day convention at Bakersfield starting Saturday, January 19, 1952.

The convention will be the 36th of its kind for the state labor group.

Clarence Vezey, Painters 40 delegate and a vice-president of the State BTC, rose to emphasize the importance of the coming convention.

He told the council delegates that the two-day convention would cover matters of vital interest to every building trades union throughout the state. He urged a strong attendance at the January convention.

BTC Secretary John Davy was unable to appear at the meeting due to illness. His place was taken for the evening by Brother B. R. Tooke, Sign Painters 878.

Secretary Tooke read to the delegates excerpts from the Weekly News Letter published by the California State Federation of Labor.

The "Letter" gave prominence to a speech made by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, to delegates attending the recent Labor Press Institute in Santa Barbara.

Haggerty emphasized the theme that the labor press must play a major role in the state and national elections of 1952.

Better Get Your Boss to Read This, It Means Money in the Bank For You

U. S. Gov't Release

The Regional Wage Stabilization Board announced today that employers may pay any of their employes, without board approval, a 1951 Christmas or year-end bonus up to $40 in value even though a lesser bonus or no bonus was paid last year.

Arthur M. Ross, chairman, said that employers who paid Christmas or year-end bonuses last year greater than $40 in value may pay the same bonus in 1951, subject to the provisions of General Wage Regulation 14, the bonus order.

Payment of both types of bonuses was authorized by an Amendment which the National Board recently passed to liberalize the regulation. The original order permitted employers, who customarily had given their employes Christmas or year-end bonuses, to continue their past practice under certain limitations, but made no provisions for an employer who wanted to pay a bonus for the first time.

The amendment covers only employers and unions under the direct jurisdiction of the Wage Stabilization Board.

It does not apply to executives, general workers and unions responsible to the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission, Office of Salary Stabilization and Airline and Railroad Wage Board.

Under the amendment employers who paid a Christmas or year-end bonus less than $40 may raise the amount to that sum without prior board approval.

An employer who paid a $50 Christmas or year-end bonus last year to half of his employes, may pay the same bonus to the same group of workers in 1951 and, in addition, pay up to $40 to the balance of his personnel. The $40 "new" bonus may be in cash or in kind.

The employer cannot pay the $40 Christmas or year-end bonus and also pay an additional Christmas or year-end bonus according to past practice or an established plan as authorized by General Wage Regulation 14. He can pay one or the other, whichever is greater.

The $40 bonus payments do not have to be charged against wage increases allowed under General Wage Regulation 6, the "10 per cent" order.

The amendment also permits an employer, who gave a week's salary as a Christmas bonus in 1950 to give a week's salary this year even though the employe's weekly earnings may have increased. Originally, General Wage Regulation 14 limited the amount of the bonus to the same dollar amount paid last year.

Prudential Insurance Agents Continue Strike Over Matter of Compensation

A nationwide strike involving more than 15,000 AFL insurance agents employed by the Prudential Insurance Company entered its fifth day as we went to press Wednesday. There was no sign of a break in the strike picture at that time.

More than 100 members of Insurance Agents' International, Local 55 are affected by the work stoppage in the East Bay.

Efforts to settle the strike have been stymied over the matter of compensation.

The union is seeking a substantial increase in pay and a boost in the Agents' weekly guarantee from $35 to $55. A company offer of $5.11 a week was rejected by the union negotiating committee as being "wholly inadequate."

George L. Russ, president of the IAIU, said that "the company's offer is not only inadequate but over 50 per cent of the agents would receive little or nothing from the offer."

He pointed out that "the insurance agent must deduct from his pay all automobile expenses and all other incidental expenses such as postage incurred by him in selling insurance and servicing the policyholder on his debit."

So far, he declared, the company has refused to recognize the "grave economic problem" confronting the Prudential agent.

One company spokesman called the union's demands "neither reasonable nor justifiable" while another spokesman claimed Prudential agents are the best paid in the industry.

The strike marked the first time that agents ever used this economic weapon against a major insurance company in the United States.

AFL Gals Bowling Team Racks Up Sixth Win

The AFL Labor Temple Gals Bowling team racked up their sixth straight win by bowling over the Batsford School of Dancing team at the Oakland Bowl last week.

C. E. Risley, business representative of Carpenters 36, appeared at the game to add vocal encouragement to the home town team.

The Gals played without the services of Elly Schappert. Mrs. Schappert was visiting her husband, Ralph, who is in serious condition at Merritt hospital as a result of a fall from a scaffold in San Francisco Monday.

Christmas Cheer Award Winners Announced

At a recent meeting of Building Service Employes 18, the names of 16 members were selected at random to receive "Christmas Cheer" awards of $10 food merchandise orders.

The award winners were: Arthur M. Anderson, Irene Bell, W. E. Caton, Vera Lee Culpepper, Alfred Fyffe, Hazel Henriques, Alvin Hogan, E. H. Journey, Carrie E. Lauer, John Rossi, Louis Silva, Lee H. Stevenson, Elenor Stewart, Carlo Triberti, Arthur A. Wallace and Bartley W. Wyser.

Fierce Storm Fails to Deter Well-Wishers

Some 700 enthusiastic postal workers and officials braved a driving storm of gale proportions last Saturday night to honor Congressman George P. Miller with a testimonial dinner at the Scottish Rite Temple.

The dinner was sponsored by the Postal Central Council of Oakland.

Many in the gay throng came to the affair from as far away as Chico and Hollywood. There was even a sprinkling of postal union officials from Washington, D. C.

The crowd packed the Temple halls to honor Congressman Miller for his valiant efforts on behalf of postal workers and other government employes. It was Congressman Miller who was instrumental in getting a $400 to $800 annual pay increase for postal workers recently.

Despite a serious illness, Miller had risen from his sick bed in Washington to get the bill moving through the committee that was holding hearings on it.

CHAUDET PRESENTS MILLER

Joe Chaudet, acting postmaster of Oakland, introduced the Congressman and pointed out to the audience that Miller had always voted for the people throughout his entire career as a public servant.

As a matter of fact, Chaudet added, "The delegates to the AFL Convention recently graded Congressman Miller on 11 important measures in Congress, and found that he had voted right 100 per cent."

Miller in his speech emphasized the importance of a strong organization for postal employes. He intimated that a strong organization of postal workers would not only achieve more necessary benefits in the future, but would also protect the hard earned rights which they have earned in the past.

Besides Chaudet, some of the other postal officials included Albert S. Walton, Kenneth E. Francis and John F. O'Conner—all members of the Postal Central Council. Walton is president of the council. Francis acted as master-of-ceremonies during the affair.

Also present was Fred O'Dwyer, executive board member of the National Association of Postal Supervisors.

From Washington, D. C., came Jerome J. Keating, secretary of the National Association of Letter Carriers, and Roy C. Hallbeck, legislative representative for the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

Special Notice! Painters Local 127

All members of the above local are notified that the next meeting of the local to be held on Thursday evening, December 13, at 8 p. m., in the regular meeting hall will be a special called meeting to act on important business.

The entertainment committee will serve refreshments and all brothers are urged to attend as this will be the last meeting of the year.

Fraternally,
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Recording Secretary.

Lou Kovacevich Reported On the Road to Recovery

Lou Kovacevich, business representative for Steamfitters 342, is on the road to recovery from his recent illness.

Kovacevich returned home from the hospital recently and his doctor reports that Lou will be able to take up his union duties shortly.

Local 342 paid tribute to their hard-working business agent by refusing to put up a man to compete for Kovacevich's job in the union's election which is scheduled Sunday.

The greatest economic security a working man can have is the union label on all his purchases.

Keenan Holds Building Industry Critical to Nation's Defense

NEW YORK—The building and construction industry is a critical defense industry and an emergency industry that will be needed desperately if atom bombs fall.

It must have materials in order to do the job expected of it by the U. S. defense and military authorities and to hold together the trained craftsmen and skilled workers engaged in its many trades.

That picture was painted for U. S. officials in a speech by Joseph D. Keenan, secretary-treasurer AFL Building and Construction Trades Department and assistant administrator of the Defense Production Authority. He spoke at a meeting of the New York Building Congress.

Mr. Keenan pointed out that the building and construction industry has been placed in a strait jacket by controls on materials which have forced a curtailment of activity and widespread employment.

(It was on just this point of "strait jacket" controls that L. Childers, Plasterers 112, complained so bitterly to delegates to the local Building Trades Council two weeks ago. Childers had urged that local contractors be asked to join forces with organized labor in an effort to get Congress to ease these controls.)

He said the industry's employers and workers are willing to accept all necessary restraints but, please, don't keep in effect the industry-wrecking regulations such as was done in World War II until long past the time for which they were needed. He said there must be relief early in 1952 when new production of steel and aluminum begin.

The New York Congress is taking the lead in a nation-wide movement to alert defense mobilization officials to these facts. Mr. Keenan said in part:

"This industry has been one of the greatest outstanding groups in this country when the chips were down.

"In 1940, '41 and '42, it was my job to try to arrange the shifting of labor to the plants that the government needed so badly, and I went . . . all over the United States, and I found your advisory people, your supervision and our people living in packing boxes. . . .

"That wasn't just an occasional happening; that was general all over the country. Nobody asked if they had housing. Nobody asked if there were facilities. There was a job to be built and you and they went out and did it, and did it in record time.

"We are willing now as then to go out and make the sacrifices. We are willing now as we were then to go out and stretch morning, noon and night that these requirements that are necessary be built. . . .

"After that job is done, and after we are relieved of the responsibility, then I think we are entitled to consideration, so that we can go on and take our place and build the schools and the other things that will be necessary after the command construction is completed.

"If they had allowed us in 1944 to move in and start to build the homes and start to build the necessities that we knew were needed all over the country, we probably wouldn't have had the black market and the conditions that prevailed for the first two or three years after the war was over.

"We wouldn't have these people that took our GIs and took $1000 under the table in order to put a roof over their head. . . .

"And another thing: they state that this is just a service industry. Well, here in New York just last week you had a mock air raid or an atomic bomb raid and I wonder if we are just a service industry I wonder if we can do anything with refrigerators and automobiles if we have a condition in this country like we witnessed in Germany.

"Will we be able to put the sewers back? Will we be able to put the water in? Will we be able to repair the bridges with automobiles? I don't think so. This is more than a service industry. This is an emergency industry that will be needed more than any other in case we do have an atomic raid on this country. It is possible and we have to have this force."

AFL Commentator Frank Edwards, KFRC, 10:15 P. M., Monday Through Friday

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER, THEATRICAL EMPLOYES B-82

Local Hoodlums Make Life of Theater Workers Far From Rosy Over Weekend

Members of Theatrical Employes Union Local B-82 I. A. T. S. E. figured prominently in the news last week end.

Brothers Bob Levy and Howard Betts were leaving the Paramount Theater with Assistant Manager Martin Osborn, early Sunday morning when they saw Russell Harris being beaten by five 'teen age colored youths. Although Harris was a stranger to them, the trio went immediately to his rescue and were doing a good job until another car disgorged five more Negroes and another car containing a half dozen "pachuchos" entered the melee. In spite the overwhelming odds the boys put up a good battle, while Assistant Manager Osborn made a "strategic retreat" to call the police. The odds were too great for the boys, although at one time we understand Betts was doing a creditable job on five of the attackers. Both were eventually knocked down and kicked.

Levy was knocked unconscious and at the time of this writing is still confined to the Oakland Veterans Hospital with a possible skull fracture. Betts was taken to Highland Hospital with a fractured jaw and multiple lacerations, but has since been released.

The hoodlums escaped with $9 which they had taken from Harris.

The police arrived long after a photographer and to date have done nothing about it.

All was not calm in Berkeley a few hours before the foregoing took place. Sister Rebecca Jacobs was accosted while on duty in the California Theater box-office by three youths. In the box-office at the same time was former member James Sincich, the assistant manager. Recognizing one of the trio he dismissed the threat as a gag and turned around, apparently to leave the box-office. With that the spokesman for the trio whom he did not recognize aimed the gun at his back and pulled the trigger, but fortunately the gun jammed.

Berkeley police immediately responded to a call and picked up two of the hoodlums and a woman companion who police say had waited in the car during the course of the attempted robbery.

The arrest came after a dramatic 90-mile-an-hour chase through a residential district of Berkeley, and after the occupants of the fleeing car had fired four shots at the pursuing officers. The chase came to a climax when the getaway car crashed into an abutment at Ashby Avenue and Eastshore Highway.

The car contained only two of the suspects and the woman at this time. A fourth suspect was picked up at his home later. All are being held on charges of assault with attempt to commit murder and armed robbery. The fourth member of the gang is also being held for parole violation. He is Gordon Lyda. The others were identified as Ernest Llota, Leonard Roff and a Mary Trout.

According to the local Oakland paper Llota was quoted as saying after his capture that "it's too bad the gun jammed or that guy would have been dead." If the newspaper account is correct in listing Llota as having made the statement the story develops a peculiar twist. There is a great deal of similiarity between the names Lyde and Llota.

The twist is as we pointed out earlier, that Sincich should have recognized another one of them, referring to Llota, as he had worked as doorman at the Paramount Theater. The double twist is that the theater, within their contractual rights, had turned down other dispatches from the union office at the time a job was open and hired Llota in preference to them.

It was only last week that we had warned our members against refusing to comply with stick-up men. Nothing could go farther than this to prove our point short of death. These boys weren't playing, or they wouldn't have exchanged shots with the police officers. Don't take chances with your life.

The intelligence of the trio must have been very low. Anyone who has worked around a theater knows that there is very little money kept on hand at any one time. Gamble with the money, it's insured and can be replaced. Your life may be insured, but it can't be replaced. This may sound and is repetitious, but under the circumstances we would repeat it in every column if it would save even one life.

Up and down the aisle. . . . **The next union meeting will be held Wednesday, December 12th, at 10 a. m. Other meetings this month are scheduled for the 22nd at 10 a. m. and the 20th at 11:30 p. m.** . . . The Franklin Theater was scheduled to close as we went to press, but rumors are strong that a last minute reprieve may save one of Oakland's landmarks. In any event Fox West Coast Theaters City Manager Frank Burhans, speaking for District Manager Robert Rothafel expressed a concern for the welfare of all employes working under the jurisdiction of our local and had set up tentative machinery to absorb those desirous of working in other Fox houses. . . . Incidentally we understand that Rothafel has going on record as saying he is not leaving the district in the immediate future. . . . **Joan Stevenson**, Paramount usherette and relief candy counter attendant is confined to Highland Hospital, dangerously ill. . . . The stork hovering over the Fox-Oakland and Chimes Theaters, looking for **Jean Lynn** and **Pat Foreman**. . . . **Jim Bloomer**, formerly of the Oakland and Esquire breaking in as a bus driver for Key System. . . . **Dick Mead**, proudly displaying his new Chevrolet. . . .

Frank Arroyo, formerly of the old State in downtown Oakland, the Franklin and the Orpheum now working with the armed guard on the U. S. mails and dickering for a new car also. . . . **Virginia Bender** of the T & D with the classiest hair-do in town. . . . Just heard that the girls at the Paramount got together and chipped in to cover Joan Stevenson's salary until she gets her disability insurance. . . . **Dorothy Duley**, secretary at the Fox-Oakland describing how she gained back the 30 pounds she lost: "Where I put it back on, I didn't have it before." Former member Marie Dickie (the poor man's "My Friend Irma") in to say hello and telling us about her boy friend: "He's nice looking but he does have a "receiving hair line" Marie formerly worked the Esquire, Paramount, Grand-Lake and Hopkins.

2 Fired as 'Inefficient' Just After Getting Raise

TETERBORO, N. J. (LPA)—The company argued two men were fired for inefficiency, but testimony showed that just before that they had received "unusual" and "exceptional" pay increases, and had been praised for their work.

So a trial examination for the National Labor Relations Board ordered Robinson Aviation, Inc., to give the two back pay to November 1950, and offer reinstatement to one, since the other was no longer interested.

The two were fired the day after collecting membership application cards for the AFL Machinists from 41 of the 43 employes.

General Manager G. DeFreest Larner testified he couldn't understand why the two wanted to continue at the plant "if they didn't like working condiions."

Organized Labor Wins Wage Raises For All Workers

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—AFL unions which have won outstanding wage gains have indirectly helped all the nation's workers to get a pay raise.

More employers without unions in their plants are now before the Wage Stabilization Board asking pay increases for their unorganized workers than there are employers seeking approval of raises in unionized plants.

On top of that the Salary Stabilization Board has now given blanket approval for raises for 5,000,000 supervisory and other salaried workers to raise their pay to restore the differential between their earnings and those of the organized AFL workers they supervise.

Foremen and other supervisory employes are going to cash in on the wage increases won by unions for workers.

They will be permitted to catch up in percentage increases, by order of the Salary Stabilization Board, to restore the customary differentials.

As SSB Director Joseph D. Cooper explained, the gap between supervisors and the employes has been "narrowed" through increases won by union negotiations. So the new order was issued to "maintain the historical relationships" between those under jurisdiction of the SSB and the Wage Stabilization Board.

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Brewery Workers Get First Pension Checks

NEW YORK (LPA)—A ceremonial presentation of the first monthly checks from the Brewers' Crafts Union Pension Fund here was made to seven workers who have retired at 65. The fund was set up a year ago by ALF unions and the Brewers Board of Trade, representing all breweries in the New York City area.

While the first checks, based on length of service rather than contibrutions because of the short time the program has been in operation, averaged only $36, it is expected payments will run up to $100 to workers after several years.

Free Ride for Donors

PORTLAND, Ore. (LPA)—Anyone in town can get a free ride in a taxi driven by AFL Teamsters—provided the destination is S. W. 16th and Alder.

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Can't Get Rich Any More Wails C. of C. President

DALLAS, Tex. (LPA)—Bad news, straight from the horse's mouth. The "traditional opportunity for Americans to get rich" has been wiped out, and federal taxation has done it.

So said D. A. Hulcy, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in addressing the National Tax Association here.

Hulcy, president of the Lone Star Gas Company of Dallas, said taxes have multiplied 17 times since 1940, while incomes have multiplied only three times, and called that "an alarming circumstance."

New Car Transfer Law

State Gov't Release

Californians who apply for ownership transfer of used cars during the month of December will be required under terms of a new law to pay their full 1952 registration fees.

Announcement of the new requirement, which takes effect for the first time in December, 1951, wes made in Sacramento today by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

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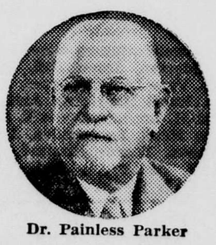
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STEAMFITTERS NOTES, LOCAL 342

Steamfitters Election Called For Sunday; Polls Open 10 A.M.

By JIM MARTIN

Lest you forget! Election of all officers of Steamfitters and Refrigeration will be held Sunday, December 9, 1951. The polls will be open from 10 a. m. till 7 p. m.

Bring your dues book, and try to make every effort to cast your Vote!

The members present at the Regular Meeting, held November 15, after hearing representatives from the Permanente and Guaranty Life Insurance Companies explain and answer questions pertaining to these plans, voted not to accept either plan.

By the time you receive this issue of the Journal, the membership will have taken some action relative to the Pacific Mutual's Health and Welfare Plan.

William Hedderly, Group Insurance Consultant for Group Consultants of California will have addressed the membership at the meeting of December 6, and have explained and answered questions pertaining to this plan.

Pacific Mutual Plan is the same plan by which members of Richmond Local 159 are covered. The members of Local 38 and 444 of Oakland have also ratified this plan.

NEW WAGE SCHEDULE

The business office has concluded negotiations with the Refrigeration Contractors Association. The new wage schedule for new installation work will be $2.75 per hour, an increase of 12½ cents per hour. This wage rate will now be maintained throughout the year of 1952. This will be the same as the Steamfitters scale, and will also coincide with their effective date.

On "service" work, the new wage rate will be $2.58 per hour. Having received the full 10 per cent last year under Wage Stabilization, we were able to negotiate a cost-of-living increase of 8 cents per hour.

This agreement will be opened again in July of 1952, for any cost of living increase permissable under Wage Stabilization Regulations.

Also negotiated was a Health and Welfare Plan. The Refrigeration Contractors will petition the Wage Stabilization Board for a Health and Welfare plan of 7½ pents per hour, as soon as the Wage Stabilization Board approved Steamfitters Local No. 342 plan now under consideration by the board.

Furthermore, 90 days after the approval of the Steamfitters Health and Welfare Plan, the Refrigeration Contractors will pay 7½ cents per hour into the Trust Fund, for all employes.

So progress is being made to have all members of Local No. 342 covered under one Health and Welfare Plan.

DINNER-DANCE TICKETS

In order to know how many members to make reservations for our Dance and Buffet dinner, to be held at the Installation of Officers, your cooperation is needed on the following.

Upon receiving a questionnaire relative to you, your wife, or a lady friend coming to this affair, please send this information in by return mail. Then you will be forwarded admission tickets, as only members holding tickets will be admitted.

Again, send in your questionnaire.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party for the "Kids" will be held Saturday, December 22, at 2 p. m., in our Meeting Hall. Those who attended last year's Christmas party put on by "Hi-pockets" Benny Gosney, know that Benny and his committee will do another swell job. So try to bring the children to this gala affair.

"WATCH IT" with Watchmakers
By George F. Allen

Permanente Plan Starts For Watchmakers; Good Service Reported So Far

Even though the Permanente Plan has been in effect only two days at this writing, we have already received one phone call from the wife of one of our members, informing us that she had to call Permanente for a doctor to visit the home and attend a child.

We are more than pleased to report that Mrs. Thomas Scott stated she was very favorably impressed and well pleased with the doctor and the service he rendered.

Although the Permanente identification cards have not been received as yet, the doctor in attendance accepted the letter which we had forwarded to all members in lieu of the Permanente identification card.

It is gratifying to us indeed that the first report we have received under the new Permanente program is satisfactory, and we will appreciate it if any of you who have occasion to use the program will give us your reaction to same.

Two questions were asked by members of the union regarding the Permanente Service Plan. One was: Will Permanente answer a house call for an individual who is not a dependent under the program? This could mean a mother, father, or person 18 years or older.—The answer it "Yes" Permanente will answer the call on a private fee basis.

The second question was: If a member or his dependent is hospitalized in a Permanente Hospital, can they request that an outside doctor or specialist be brought in attendance? The answer to this question is also "Yes." However, the individual requesting the outside physician will have to pay for his services.

The Permanente organization is desirous of having each individual covered under our program visit either one of the clinics or hospitals for the purpose of obtaining a record of their previous medical history. All that is necessary for you to do is to call Permanente and make an appointment for such a visit.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

Painters Urged to Register Early For Unemployment Insurance

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at present: Bernard Rumans, Walter Jackson, Shirley Cork, Eugene Byrd, Horace Haley, Hans Larsen, John Malmgren, Fred Pearson, Gordon Wade, A. J. Beaudette and James Borgis.

FLOYD GREEN PASSES

We are sorry to report the death of brother Floyd Green who passed away on December 1, 1951. Brother Green suffered a heart attack at home a week previous, was taken to Permanente Hospital but did not recover. Burial was from the Truman funeral parlors and interment in Mountain View.

The officers and members of Local 127 express their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

BINGO SUCCESSFUL

A fine social gathering of the brothers and their wives and friends was held last Saturday evening at a bingo game held in our regular hall. Festivities started at 8 p. m. and lasted until midnight.

Another game will be held this coming Saturday (December 8, at 8 p. m.). Suitable prizes are given by the committee and a good time is assured to all who attend. Why not take the wife out to the Painters Bingo social?

Work conditions remain the same with the extremely bad weather keeping quite a few of the brothers off the job.

INSURANCE REGISTRATION

We are advising all of the boys to register immediately for unemployment insurance as there is a seven (7) day waiting period before payments are made. This waiting period applies only once a year. After you have your waiting period in then you are eligible for weekly payments depending upon your experience rating.

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We have been asked about the change in our unemployment disability insurance as reported several weeks ago. We have been under a group disability plan which the insurance company is discontinuing January 1. After this date it will be necessary for the brothers to file an application with the state office for these benefits.

However, those who are now drawing disability unemployment insurance from the Cal West Group Company will continue to get their checks until the maximum amount has been paid. All new applications after January 1 will be paid by the State office.

We were extremely sorry to lose this group plan, but the company has lost so much money they are unable to continue.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REQUEST

The district council of Painters No. 16 has notified the Bay Area Joint Committee that we desire to open our agreement for changes this coming year. This request is in compliance with the terms of the agreement. The main talk among the representatives is for an improvement in our hospital plan to give full coverage for the members' dependents including wives and children. More about this later.

The next and last meeting of the local will be a special called meeting on Thursday, December 13. Refreshments will be served by the entertainment committee.

Past Presidents' Club Of Carpenters Auxiliary Plans Party Dec. 19

By MAE A. BRISTOW
Secretary-Treasurer
Past Presidents Club of Carpenters' Ladies' Auxiliary 160

The Past Presidents held their regular meeting at the home of Theresa Michelson. Theresa as usual served a delicious luncheon of turkey, vegetables, pickles, olives and Danish pudding with homemade cookies. Plenty of good coffee topped it all off.

It is needless to say all enjoyed their lunch.

The meeting was opened by President Marie Lyons. Others present were: Vice-president Annie Elvin, Secretary-Treasurer Mae Bristow, Erna Jenkins, Diana Holder, Jean Kinney, Betty Shumake and our hostess Theresa Michelson.

We were sorry to find that Esther Dedman was still not able to be present. Esther is recovering from a serious operation. Hurry up Esther and get well.

The October meeting was discussed as Secretary Bristow was absent on vacation. This meeting was held at the home of Betty Shumake and all reported a very nice meeting. At this (October) meeting we drew into our group a new member, Past President Jean Kinney. Jean will add a great deal to our group. She is a genial happy disposition and a fine worker. Welcome Jean.

After some discussion of future doings of the club and a promise from all to be at Diana Holder's home for our Xmas party on December 19, the meeting closed and games were played for the afternoon.

We are a small group but it is our duty to "Remember the Union Label. Buy Union goods and from Union Clerks." Keep this in mind.

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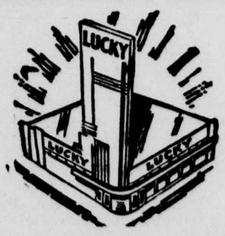
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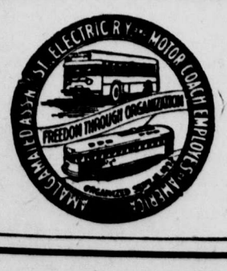
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KNAVE IS DISTURBED BY HONESTY OF KEFAUVER

The Knowland Knave in the November 27 issue of the esteemed Oakland Tribune took occasion to slambang the local Democratic Council for the miscue on the luncheon which Senator Kefauver was to have addressed.

The miscue to which we refer is that it was suddenly discovered that there could be no speech by Senator Kefauver at the Democratic luncheon because the Senator was bound by a contract to appear exclusively under Town Hall auspices.

Of course, the Knave's general attitude is that there is really no need for having any Democrats, or any funds for Democrats, or any luncheons for them.

The Knave concluded his learned essay on this subject by commenting:

"The Democrats should have no regrets. They have been spared the ordeal of paying $10 each to hear Senator Kefauver tell them about the crooks he has found in the Democratic Party."

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We gather from his comment that the Knave seeks to imply delicately what possibly may be the truth—that if a Republican were at the head of a Crime Committee for the U. S. Senate, he would carefully refrain from uncovering any misdoings by a Republican.

Our editor is old enough to remember that this assumed attitude of the Knave fits in very well with what did happen at the time of the Teapot Dome scandals under the Republicans. But it has certainly not been true of the operations of the Kefauver committee.

Senator Kefauver has not hesitated to expose Democratic officeholders if he felt the evidence warranted it.

If the Knave will think this over carefully, he may come around to thinking that after all this policy of having an Administration party dig into its own weak points, is really a very good one.

But maybe not! Maybe the Knave is eagerly looking forward to some far off day when his party will be in control, and the boys won't want to have the uncomfortable precedent set of having an Administration honest enough to go after its own erring members.

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There is still another aspect of the case, however.

With all due respect to Senator Kefauver, we wonder what he himself thinks of the ethics of having a United States Senator sign an exclusive contract to appear only at a certain spot under certain auspices in a given area for a given period?

Certainly a United States Senator, in our opinion, ought to be free to talk to fellow members of his own party during any given week at any given spot in the country he happens to be in.

If Senator Knowland should go somewhere to address some buddies of his under a dinner-speaking contract, some such group of his buiddies as the National Association of Manufacturers, for instance, or the American Medical Association, we feel that he ought to be free to speak to a luncheon of his fellow Republicans as well.

This is without implying that Senator Knowland ever did operate under such a contract. It's just a hypothetical case. Of course, the Knave might well reply that members of NAM are automatically Republicans, anyway.

But there is a point here. While the salaries of our Senators may not be tremendous, a lot of people are going to feel that no Senator should tie himself up with any such commercial contract that is so drastic in its exclusiveness.

Senator Kefauver is a man of great integrity, and we really wonder what his own thoughts on this matter are.

WE'RE NOT IMPORTANT!

In another column on this page we publish an announcement by the American Federation of Labor that it is consolidating its Weekly News Service and the League Reporter.

The consolidated publication will be called the AFL News-Reporter.

The Weekly News Service has long been a clipsheet sent to editors of AFL papers. From this they clip the AFL news items which interest them, and run them in their papers.

The League Reporter is quite a different publication. It has had more general circulation. It has been put out under the auspices of the Labor League for Political Education, the AFL's political branch.

The merger of the two publications is the result of a decision made by the AFL convention in San Francisco this year. That deicsion was to "finance the League's educational activities out of the Federation's general fund."

This merger is all to the good. But it does seem advisable to call attention to the root cause of it. That root cause is undoubtedly the fact that so few AFL people condescended to contribute money to the Labor League for Political Education. So now the Federation has to take over the load directly.

AFL Secretary George Meany was right when he said recently:

"Let's be brutally frank about it. . . . We are not important. How are we going to become important? We are going to become important by getting our people to vote! . . . We are going to get our people to vote."

That's plain talking from the top. And plain talking from the top, plus plain hard work by us at the bottom, is what's needed.

MR. LIE'S TESTIMONY

Haakon Lie, secretary of the Norwegian Labor Party, told the Central Labor Council that when you're in power, running the whole economy of the country, it's quite different from just calling a strike and letting it go at that.

We're not at that stage yet in America. But it is to be hoped we are trying already to learn the difference between being a minority political group and a majority group. Some day we'll be in the majority category.

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

DAILY NEWSPAPERS have often been accused of anti-labor prejudice—and rightly so. However, it is not so generally appreciated that another important American institution is also riddled with this same prejudice.

We are referring, of course, to our public school system.

Writing in a recent issue of the Machinists Monthly Journal, George Hampel, Jr., flatly declares that "Since the first public school opened its doors in the United States, big business interests have been sitting in the nation's schools."

In fact, he states, that up until very recently the accomplishments of both laborers and labor unions had been completely ignored by the schools.

THIS BIG BUSINESS influence, Hampel claims, has been increased through the "conscious efforts" of such organizations as the National Association of Manufacturers. According to Hampel, the NAM spends, on the average, **a million dollars a day** to make school kids believe that what is good for big business is good for them.

The NAM, in fact, boasts that many students are taught the history of the American Labor movement from an NAM booklet.

Although the NAM is the most potent factor in the distribution of anti-labor propaganda in our schools, it is not alone.

Several other corporations like the U. S. Chamber of Commerce also contribute their bits toward warping the thoughts of American students.

WITH ALL THIS, Hampel asserts, the picture is far from dark. He lists a few reasons for his optimism.

Labor, he declares, has always been a strong supporter of public schools. But not until recent years has labor paid much attention to the content of education.

Today, labor representatives are appearing before school boards demanding that students be given both sides of the story.

Many high school teachers are becoming aware that their pupils require some knowledge about labor and labor unions since most of the students, on graduating, are going to work in stores, offices and industries that have unions.

In addition, teachers are learning about unions through the American Federation of Teachers to which many of them belong.

The author of the article gives a concrete example of what took place in the Superior, Wisconsin, schools as a result of the growing interest of labor in the content of education.

In that midwest city, the schools launched a new course for 11th grade pupils called "Organized Labor and its Importance to Civic Life."

Hanipel also claims that similar experiments are being conducted in several other American cities.

HOWEVER, THE AUTHOR emphasizes that labor has a tough road ahead before it will get a hearing in the schools equal to that given to management.

Hampel makes the telling point when he asserts that labor does not want the schools to propagandize for it. All labor wants is the right to present its case on an equal basis with management.

"That," claims Hampel, "is the American way!"

—P. L.

WARN UNIONS NOT TO WAIVE RIGHTS IN GENERALITIES

State Building Trades Report

Someone smart has said that nothing is certain but change. When we are getting what we want at the moment, we sometimes forget this.

It has been a habit among some unions to state optimistically and generously in their agreements that they waive their right to bargain on certain issues during the life of the agreement, without stating specifically, exactly, and in detail just what right they waive.

One agreement waived bargaining on any subject pertaining to rates of pay, hours or other terms and conditions of employment, whether covered by the contract or not.

Then the union decided it wanted a union shop; the company reminded them of the agreement waiver, and refused to bargain during its term.

The NLRB upheld the company—it was under no obligation, because of the waiver, to bargain about a union-security clause. The term "union-security clause" certainly includes "conditions of employment," and bargaining rights on those conditions had been waived.

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Labor Railmen's Weekly

The U. S. Air Force is giving away $2,000,000,000 worth of machine tools at Marietta, Georgia, and will give away almost as much more at Omaha, Nebraska, making a total of nearly $4,000,000,000, the "Wall Street Journal" reported this week.

It says the expensive tools are being handed out free to American, British and Canadian corporations including some of the biggest, such as Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, General Electric, and Boeing Aircraft.

In addition to giving the tools, Uncle Sam pays the freight costs of shipping them to the corporations.

This is being done, the report explains, to speed up defense production. It does not explain why the big corporations could not afford to pay something for the tools.

When they were bought during the Second World War, they cost the government much less than $4,000,000,000, but the Wall Street paper says that is their market value now.

"Big Mouth"



MERGER OF AFL PRESS SERVICES

AFL News

This is the final issue of the AFL Weekly News Service in its present form.

By direction of the officers of the American Federation of Labor the News Service and the League Reporter, published hitherto by Labor's League for Political Education, are being merged.

The first issue of the new publication, to be known as the AFL News-Reporter has already begun publication.

This new weekly newspaper provides far broader information to its readers and far greater service to the labor press in news coverage and features. It is a modern tabloid of eight pages, newsy, bright and crusading in spirit.

Free mat service of photos, cartoons and features to the bona fide labor press will be continued and such publications on our mailing list will be privileged to reprint any articles in the AFL News-Reporter, which will be airmailed to them for faster service.

Publication of the AFL News-Reporter was decided upon as part of the program of integrating the educational activities of Labor's League for Political Education with the permanent educational activities of the American Federation of Labor.

This action followed the decision of the last AFL convention to finance the League's educational activities out of the Federation's general fund.

Present subscribers to The League Reporter will be served with the AFL News-Reporter until their subscriptions expire. Individual subscriptions to the merged publication will be $1 per year.

Look for the AFL News-Reporter!

DESPITE THEIR HOWLS OF PAIN, MANY FIRMS STILL RAKE IT IN

NEW YORK (LPA)—Despite their howls of pain, lots of firms are still raking it in.

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Standard Gas & Electric	6,424,631	8,964,352
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By EDITH McCONN

WHEN YOU FIND a man who seems to be a born handler of men, you'll often find he is a born handler of children, as well.

Not long ago, a man well known in labor circles, and known as a tactful handler of difficult situations, was visiting in the home of a local labor leader.

The young boys of the family returned from a fishing trip and burst in upon a gathering with a string of very smelly fish.

"We didn't catch anything," they chorused, "but look what a man gave us!"

No one had to look! Through another sense they were apprised of the boys' trophies!

Mother was, of course, appalled, and ordered the young anglers out of the living room.

But what would they do with the fish? If they were put into the garbage can the family would have to move out!

Moreover, the boys were insistent upon keeping the fish and having them for supper. A noisy controversy ensued between the tearful boys and their outraged mother.

"I'll tell you what," the born handler of men interposed. "Let's do what the Indians would do."

The boys, intrigued, asked what that was.

"Why, said the visitor, "we'll just take them out and bury them in the yard for fertilizer. That's what the Indians always did."

A suitable spot in the garden was found, the boys happily disposed of the fish, and mother sighed with relief.

The born arbitrator of difficulties returned to the living room, and dusting off his hands, again took up the knotty problems which had been under discussion before the advent of the fish.

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Some People Abdicate, Others Enjoy Christmas

Many people, both now and in the past, have come to the conclusion that their families were a total loss and have gone far from them, abdicating, as it were, from all family responsibility.

The holiday season, is however, with most of us, a time for family gatherings, and those who have abandoned their families don't know what they are missing.

Apart from the traditional gatherings around the groaning board there are the sessions of family gossip where news is exchanged that cannot possibly be appreciated except by those who know the innermost secrets of the family.

You learn, for instance, that Aunt Tizzy, spoiled by parents, husband and children, until there was no living with her, was finally presented with a housekeeper and companion who sat down and wept all day. Poor Aunt Tizzy, always having been the one who wept and wailed, was appalled, but finally had to step in and take care of this creature, who was sent to take care of her. All who know Aunt Tizzy, chuckle with glee.

Then there is the latest story of Cousin Belinda's mother-in-law, excellent housekeeper and cook, who works soberly and industriously six days a week and on Saturday night goes out on a bender. To look at her you'd never believe it, of course, but there it is.

And that sister-in-law of Cousin Ruth's. Now she's a character! As is her husband. You hear the latest story of how she baited him until he took a poke at her and then she called the long-suffering cops. Telling them sweetly, when they arrived, that everything was all right. Cops know these characters well, but when they crop up in the family they are a delicious morsel of gossip.

And then, of course, good old Uncle Barlow, who once more fell for the hard-luck story of a casual acquaintance and turned out his pockets for him.

Families are wonderful! They are tragic, pathetic, boring, dull, funny. But if they are your own, they are endlessly interesting. Don't abandon them!

BANK EMBEZZLERS GET OFF EASY IN AMERICAN PRESS

Labor's League for Political Education

The newspapers are trying to make a Teapot Dome out of a mink coat. They would have you believe every little government clerk has no ethics and few morals.

But isn't it strange that they keep quiet about the wave of bank embezzlements that have taken place across the country recently? Embezzlement is a fancy word for stealing by bankers.

In one case, according to a report by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover released October 3, a bank suffered a shortage of $2,398,863.85. Another bank was found to be $1,500,000 short. Still another was short by $550,000.

Hoover said there have been 115 convictions for embezzlement during the first eight months of this year. An additional 311 embezzlement cases were opened in the last three months.

And a chart of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) shows an "alarming" increase in embezzlement.

They more than doubled from 1946 through 1950.

Were these facts reported in your paper? Did you see an editorial in your paper—or anywhere else—implying that bankers have no ethics and morals? Of course not.

But let a government stenographer or political party official step out of line and the printing presses roll and roll and roll.

GALLANTRY PAYS

Housewife (sharply to tramp at the door in quest of a meal): "You seem strong enough, you should be at work."

Tramp (bowing gallantly): "Might I say that you seem beautiful and charming enough to be acting for the films, yet evidently you prefer the simple life." He dined heartily.

CHASE EXPLAINS PUTRID ESSENCE OF McCARTHYISM

We reprint below excerpts culled from an interesting article published by the liberal magazine, The Progressive (not to be confused with the Progressive Party). Author of the piece is Stuart Chase, well known for his writings on economic questions and semantics—the study of words.

By STUART CHASE

With the highly publicized investigations into the loyalty of Americans, the term "guilt-by-association" is becoming increasingly familiar. Unfortunately, not everybody understands what it means. I have seen letters in the newspapers from angry gentlemen declaring that of course a person is known by the company he keeps, and only agents of Moscow would question the validity of guilt-by-association.

The angry letter-writers have a point. A man is known by the groups he frequents, and if they are second-story men, we are quite justified in locking the windows. But they miss the real point. I therefore propose a change in the phrasing. A more accurate term would be "guilt-by-verbal-association," for the trouble is primarily word trouble, not physical association. Here is a specific and notorious example, put in the form of a syllogism to sharpen the logic:

COMMUNISTS ARE IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSING.
SENATOR TAFT IS IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSING. (HIS BILL FINALLY PASSED, YOU REMEMBER.)
THEREFORE, SENATOR TAFT IS A COMMUNIST.

This argument was actually used by embittered members of the real estate lobby. It is, you see, entirely a matter of words, and has nothing to do with physical associations.

It is the standard bludgeon of what we now call "McCarthyism."

COMMUNISTS OPPOSE CHIANG.
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OPPOSES CHIANG.
THEREFORE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS RUN BY COMMUNISTS.

Uncounted citizens have fallen for the above syllogism

The theory behind guilt-by-verbal-association is simple. Once grasped, no honest mind would ever again credit any "proof" based upon it. Every person has many characteristics. People are tall, medium, blond, brunette, male, female, radical, conservative, Catholic, Jew, American, Negro, white, Mexican, fat, lean, quick-tempered, literate, illiterate, and so on, indefinitely. Furthermore, no two human beings, even Siamese twins, have identical characteristics. B is never the exact counterpart of A.

The trick is to find a characteristic of A which is also a characteristic of B. As both A and B have literally tens of thousands of characteristics, a few are bound to be similar.

The next step is a towering logical leap: Because a single characteristic is possessed by each, therefore all characteristics are interchangeable. A and B are practically identical. Thus:

THE POPE ADVOCATES MINIMUM WAGES.
STALIN ADVOCATES MINIMUM WAGES.
THEREFORE, THE POPE IS A COMMUNIST, OR;
THEREFORE, STALIN IS A CATHOLIC.

It can work either way, but usually, as in Gresham's Law, the direction is degenerative.

A cousin of mine produced a typical case. She said that her maid was untrustworthy. She said further that her maid was a Negro. "You can't trust one of them, not one!"—and her mouth set in a straight line. Here is what happened in the regions above her mouth:

SALLY IS NOT DEPENDABLE AS A MAID.
SALLY HAS A BROWN SKIN.
THEREFORE, ALL PEOPLE WITH BROWN SKINS ARE UNDEPENDABLE.

With this logical blunderbuss, one can "prove" anybody to be anything. The normal processes of human communication, human knowledge, to say nothing of human decency and consideration, cease to function. Presently, if accusations of this kind spread widely enough, democratic society would become unworkable.

COMMUNISTS STUDY RUSSIAN.
McCARTHY STUDIED RUSSIAN (ACCORDING TO MARQUIS CHILDS).
THEREFORE, McCARTHY IS A COMMUNIST.

What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Better yet, would be to recognize and renounce a logic which no self-respecting barnyard fowl would have any part of.

Only humans have developed language, and only humans can befuddle and hurt themselves with its abuse.

SELF-CENSORSHIP BY PUBLIC HELD THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

Christian Science Monitor

Who is Tito? Who is Chiang Kai-shek? Who is Dean Acheson?

A recent Gallup poll disclosed that almost a fifth of the American citizens questioned did not know the answer to any of these questions or to such further queries as: What is the Atlantic Pact? The 38th parallel?

Democracy rests on an informed public.

Police-state tyranny must necessarily surround itself by iron curtains, for men who have free access to facts will not long be content to remain slaves of the state.

But the Gallup poll reminds us that censorship by apathy may be only less stultifying than censorship by decree—that individuals may be surrounded by little iron curtains of sheer indifference.

A further refinement of this danger can be found in what might be called censorship by prejudice. There are citizens who could identify Chiang or the Atlantic Pact with ease but who are willing to read or listen to only one side of the disputes on these and other issues.

By denying themselves the opportunity to learn both sides they are limiting the independence of their judgment by a sort of voluntary censorship.

Yet there is no need to indulge in hand-wringing because ignorance, apathy, and prejudice are still to be found in some measure among a democratic people. So long as such thinking is not crystallized in the institutions of society, education is free to combat it vigorously at its source.

The very air of freedom, swept by the winds of controversy, carries winged seeds of truth to fallow ground. And the appetite for truth grows, the more it is nourished.

BIG BUSINESS MAG ADMITS HUGE PRODUCTIVITY JUMP

Workers' productivity has skyrocketed. So says Fortune, the $1.25-a-copy magazine of big business, in a recent issue.

That, says Fortune, is "perhaps the most startling and important fact about the U. S. economy."

Output in the past three years has risen more than a third as much as it did in the past 20 years, and that has been done with an increase of only 4 per cent in the work force in the past three years, Fortune points out.

Calling the increase in production per man-hour "extraordinary," Fortune says another sharp increase in the coming year is likely, and adds: "That increase may run as high as 5 or 6 per cent for both manufacturing and the whole economy. It is almost certain to be greater than the long-term or 'normal' increase of 3 per cent for manufacturing and 2 per cent for the whole economy."

Even a 3 per cent gain, says Fortune, adds up to a $10,000,000,000 offset to inflationary forces. A 6 per cent gain, would be equal to a $20,000,000,000 rise in output with the same manpower and production costs.

This advance in productivity, says Fortune, could be sufficient to "carry the rising defense load without inflation."

What Fortune, does not point out, is that such an increase in productivity should make possible higher wages without an increase in prices, or lower prices without wage cuts.

MOVING?

ARE YOU MOVING TO A NEW ADDRESS?

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New Address..... City.....

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